

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A communication terminal apparatus mounted in a mobile unit, comprising:

~~a display unit;~~

a communication unit;

a route information acquiring unit which acquires driving route information based on a driving route calculated by an information center from the information center through the communication unit;

a guiding unit which guides a route based on the driving route information acquired by the acquiring unit;

~~-a connection control unit for controlling a connection state between the communication unit and an information center to make connection to the information center through the communication unit to acquire information from the information center; and~~

a prediction unit for predicting which predicts a possibility for the mobile unit to deviate from the driving route shown by the acquired driving route information;

a connection control unit which controls the communication unit to start processing for connecting to the information center when it is predicted there is a possibility for the mobile unit to deviate from the driving route; and

a transmitting unit which transmits route calculation request information for calculating a new driving route to the information center when the mobile unit deviates from the driving route after the processing for connecting to the information center is started. ~~the necessity for connection between the communication unit and the information center,~~

~~wherein the connection control unit starts connection to the information center based on a prediction result of the prediction unit.~~

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): A communication terminal apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the prediction unit detects a driving state of ~~[[a]]~~ the mobile unit to ~~monitor~~ decide whether or not there is a possibility that the mobile unit deviates from a driving scheduled ~~route~~ and ~~predicts the necessity for connection between the communication unit and the information center~~ route.

4. (currently amended): A communication terminal apparatus as defined in claim 3, wherein detection of a driving state of ~~[[a]]~~ the mobile unit by the prediction unit is a comparison

of a driving position and a driving direction of the mobile unit with a driving ~~scheduled~~-route shown by driving route information.

5. (currently amended): A communication terminal apparatus as defined in claim 3, ~~wherein further comprising a traffic information acquiring unit which acquires traffic information, and wherein~~ detection of a driving state of a mobile unit by the prediction unit is a comparison of the acquired traffic information with a driving ~~scheduled~~-route shown by the driving route information.

6. (currently amended): A ~~connection control~~ communication method in a communication terminal apparatus mounted in a mobile unit, which includes the communication terminal apparatus comprising a display unit, a communication unit, [and] a route information acquiring unit which acquires driving route information based on a driving route calculated by an information center from the information center through the communication unit, and a guiding unit which guides a route based on the driving route information acquired by the acquiring unit, a ~~connection control unit for controlling a connection state between the communication unit and an information center to make connection to the information center through the communication unit to acquire information from the information center,~~ the method comprising:

predicting a possibility for the mobile unit to deviate from the driving route shown by the acquired driving route information,

controlling the communication unit to start processing for connecting to the information center when it is predicted there is a possibility for the mobile unit to deviate from the driving route, and

transmitting route calculation request information for calculating a new driving route to the information center when the mobile unit deviates from the driving route after the processing for connecting to the information center is started, the necessity for connection between the communication unit and the information center; and

starting connection to the information center based on a prediction result of the prediction unit;

7. (currently amended): A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium and executable on a computer, for causing ~~[[a]]~~ the computer to function as a mobile unit mounted communication terminal apparatus ~~which includes~~including:

a display unit,

a communication unit,

a route information acquiring unit which acquires driving route information based on a driving route calculated by an information center from the information center through the communication unit,

a guiding unit which guides a route based on the driving route information acquired by the acquiring unit, a connection control unit for controlling a connection state between the

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~~communication unit and an information center to make connection to the information center  
through the communication unit to acquire information from the information center,~~

a prediction unit for predicting which predicts a possibility for the mobile unit to deviate  
from the driving route shown by the acquired driving route information,

a connection control unit which controls the communication unit to start processing for  
connecting to the information center when it is predicted there is a possibility for the mobile unit  
to deviate from the driving route, and

a transmitting unit which transmits route calculation request information for calculating a  
new driving route to the information center when the mobile unit deviates from the driving route  
after the processing for connecting to the information center is started, the necessity for  
connection between the communication unit and the information center, wherein the connection  
control unit starts connection to the information center based on a prediction result of the  
prediction unit.

8. (new): A communication terminal apparatus as defined claim 1, wherein the  
route calculation request information for calculating a new driving route includes information of  
a present position after the mobile unit deviates.